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Of the 42 cases of diphtheria reported this week, there were 6 each in Florida and Michigan; 4 each in Alabama and North Carolina; and 3 each in Georgia, Indiana, and Texas. The remainder was in 8 scattered States.

Three cases of vivax malaria were reported in California. One was a military case with source in Korea. The others were in Mexicans who arrived in the State on October 9, 1956.

Fewer cases (21) of <u>typhoid fever</u> were reported this week than for any week since the last of March. Of the total, 4 were in Texas, 3 in Tennessee, 2 each in Georgia, Kentucky, and Louisiana. and single cases in 8 States.

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The numbers of reported cases of poliomyelitis by type for the United States for the current week, disease year, and

calendar year are:

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TYPE	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	
TOTAL	262	464	13,343	26,491	14,340	27,433	
Paralytic	142	208	5,605	9,338	6,118	9,681	
Nonparalytic	78	142	5,316	10,322	5,601	10,612	
Unspecified	42	114	2,422	6,831	2,621	7,140	

NOTE .- Data exclude reports for New Mexico.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL REPORTS

Diphtheria

Dr. J. G. Molner, Detroit City Department of Health, has supplied preliminary information on the high incidence of diphtheria in the city since January 1, 1956. To date 61 cases with 2 deaths have been reported, 10 of which were in adults. All but one of the cases have occurred in a section, not more than 3 miles from the Detroit River, with the poorest immunization level. In 25 cases there were no known immunizations and in 4, this information was not available at the time of report. Thirty-two patients had some previous protection, but there was considerable doubt as to the amount of and time at which these immunizations were given. Twenty of the cases occurring in October were in one school district where an outbreak of the disease was reported in 1953. Only 9 of the cases were of those enrolled in the school, the remainder being preschool or postschool contacts.

The California State Department of Public Health has reported that the increased incidence of diphtheria in the State this year has been localized in San Joaquin and Los Angeles Counties. An outbreak of the disease in San Joaquin was reported for the week ended April 14. Recently 4 cases in one family were reported in Los Angeles County. Seven other cases most of which were unrelated, have occurred in Los Angeles since January 1.

Leprosy

Dr. Mason Romaine, Virginia State Department of Health, has reported a case of leprosy in a native of the State. The patient has lived in the State all his life except for 1 year (September 1945 to August 1946) in the Phillipines and 2 years (1954-1956) in California. His first lesion appeared in July of 1950 and was on the right hip and thigh. Another lesion appeared on the left thigh and one was on his back. His left fourth toe was anesthetic. There were no ulcerations. The patient was treated 2 years for "ring worm." Recently he consulted a dermatologist who became suspicious of leprosy and took a biopsy from one of the lesions. This showed lepromatous leprosy with acid fast organisms. The patient's wife is the only close contact. However, he has been working recently with workers in the building trade. Arrangements are being made to have the patient admitted to the PHS hospital in Carville, Louisiana.

Encephalitis

Dr. D. P. Conwell, Kentucky State Department of Health, has supplied additional information on the outbreak of encephalitis reported in the western part of the State for the week ended October 27. Among the cases reported, 4 were doubtful and did not fit into the clinical picture of the others. One of these was negative for viral encephalitis but showed a complement fixation titer of 1:8 for psittacosis, and the diagnosis has been changed to that disease. Five cases in the area have been confirmed as St. Louis encephalitis in titers of 1:32 to 1:128. Laboratory reports are pending on the remaining cases. In the Louisville area cases now total 97 with 10 deaths.

The California State Department of Public Health has reported the incidence of acute encephalitis (all types) to be low for the second year. However, mumps encephalitis has been higher in incidence during 1956 than during the period 1953-55. Sixteen cases of arthropod-borne infections have been reported in the State for the year to date. Of these, 12 were positive for western equine encephalitis and 4 positive for the St. Louis infection. These cases have been scattered throughout 13 counties—7 in the central and northern parts of the Central Valley, 5 in the San Joaquin Valley, and 1 in the southern part of the State (Imperial County).

Histoplasmosis

Dr. J. D. Martin, Louisiana State Department of Health, has reported a case of histoplasmosis in a 58-year-old man. About 2 months ago the right side of his tongue began swelling, his throat and palate became extremely sore. Other symptoms consisted of neck pain, mild morning cough, and anorexia. A culture of material obtained from the lesion on his tongue was reported positive for the disease. Information obtained shows a diagnosis of the disease was first made in 1954.

Tularemia

Dr. J. D. Martin, Louisiana State Department of Health, has reported also a case of tularemia in a 63-year-old man. This man's illness was characterized by fever, chills, sweats, headache, nausea, vomiting, and adenopathy. The patient denied contact with animals but gave a history of a tick bite on his leg.

An ulcer formed at the site of the bite and glands in the groin became swollen and painful. Agglutination reactions for <u>Pasteurella tularensis</u> were negative early after onset, but 9 days later tested positive in a dilution of 1:200.

Botulism

The California State Department of Public Health has supplied information on a case of botulism recently reported in the State. The patient's illness was characterized by nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, double vision, muscle weakness, and difficulty in seeing, swallowing, speaking, and breathing. The suspected vehicle of infection (unprocessed mushrooms) was not available for laboratory examination.

Streptococcal food infection

Dr. J. D. Martin, Louisiana State Department of Health, has reported an outbreak of illness involving 38 college students. Clinical symptoms compatible with those of food poisoning began about 9 hours after the students partook of a meal in the dining hall of the school. The meal consisted of roast been, potatoes, peas, bread, and tea. None of the food was available for bacteriologic studies. Stool specimens obtained from

the patients were found to contain streptococcal organisms.

Gastro-enteritis

The California State Department of Public Health has reported an outbreak of gastro-enteritis among 247 persons in a school. Of these about 87 became ill with nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, cramps, prostration, and chills from 9 to 15 hours after eating a noon meal in the cafeteria. The suspected vehicle of infection was meat loaf which was prepared during the morning. The meat loaf was made with powdered milk, fresh eggs, oatmeal filler, and baked with canned tomato sauce. None of the original meat loaf was available for laboratory tests. Specimens of the ground meat and powdered milk were negative for pathogens.

Also, the California State Department of Public Health has reported 3 outbreaks of gastro-enteritis in a farm labor group served by a single caterer. A total of 262 cases was reported, with many of the individuals being ill on the 3 occasions. Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea began from 2 to 12 hours after the evening meals on the 3 different days. An investigation of the catering establishment revealed good food handling techniques

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Table 1. CASES OF SPECIFIED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES (Numbers after diseases are category numbers of the Sixth Revision of the International Lists, 1948)

		15th WEE	ĸ							
DISEASE	Ended	Ended	Median 1951-55	Fi	rst 45 wee	ks	Since s	easonal l	ow week	Approxi- mate seasonal low point
DIOEAGE	Nov. 10, 1956	Nov. 12, 1955		1956 ¹	1955 ¹	Median 1951-55	1955-56 ¹	1954-55 ²	Median 1950-51 to 1954-55	
Anthrax062		-	2	32	26	30	(²)	(²)	(2) (2)	(²) (²)
Botulism049.1	(+:			12	2		(²)	(²)	(=)	(²)
Brucellosis (undulant fever)044	17	24		936	1,116					
Diphtheria055	42	67	71	1,245	1,531	2,015	422	825	963	July 1
Encephalitis, infectious082	31	26	19	1,972	1,366	1,370	1,345	809	810	June 1
Hepatitis, infectious,										
and serum092, N998.5 pt.	280	338	202	16,863	27,979					
Malaria110-117	6	8		217	429		(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Measles085	1,729	1,460	1,669	585,252	522,840	528,077	8,700	4,515	11,152	Sept. 1
Meningococcal infections057	56	60	61	2,373	3,013	3,599	408	446	584	Sept. 1
Meningitis, other340	36	***		1,355						
Poliomyelitis080	262	464	625	14,340	27,433	33,512	13,343	26,491	31,931	Apr. 1
Psittacosis096.2	9	2		455	241		(²)	(²)	(²)	(2)
Rabies in man094	-	-	-	7	5	10	(2) (2) (2)	(2) (2) (2)	(²)	(2) (2)
Smallpox084		-	0.00	- 2	143	5		(²)	(2)	(²)
Typhoid fever040	21	26	31	1,600	1,481	2,064	1,300	1,215	1,677	Apr. 1
Typhus fever, endemic101	-	1		92	118		(²)	(²)	(2)	(²)
Rabies in animals	81	65	109	4,150	4,475	6,235	384	460	664	Oct. 1

Data exclude reports for New Mexico.

²Frequencies are too small.

SOURCE AND NATURE OF MORBIDITY DATA

These provisional data are based on reports to the Public Health Service from health departments of each State and of Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. They give the total number of cases of certain communicable diseases reported during the week usually ended the preceding Saturday. Cases of anthrax, botulism, rabies in man, and smallpox are not shown in table 2,

but a footnote to table 1 shows the States making the reports. In addition, when diseases of rare occurrence (cholera, dengue, plague, relapsing fever—louse borne, typhus fever—epidemic, and yellow fever) are reported, they will be noted at the end of table 1.

Table 2. CASES OF SPECIFIED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: UNITED STATES, EACH DIVISION AND STATE, ALASKA, HAWAII, AND PUERTO RICO, FOR WEEKS ENDED NOVEMBER 12, 1955 AND NOVEMBER 10, 1956

(By place of occurrence. Numbers under diseases are category numbers of the Sixth Revision of the International Lists, 1948)

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AREA	044		45th week f			ative 5 weeks	082		45th week		Cumulative first 45 weeks	
	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
CONT. UNITED STATES1	17	24	42	67	1,245	1,531	31	26	280	338	16,863	27,97
NEW ENGLAND	_	_	1	1	13	22	1	1	18	28	1,087	2,50
Maine	_	_	-	_	_	-	1 1	-	10	8	268	319
New Hampshire	_	-	-	_	1	_	_	-	_	2	31	73
Vermont	110 -	-	-	-	-	2		-	1	8	152	22
Massachusetts	-		1	-	12	20	1	1	3	2	278	859
Connecticut				_ :		-		-	4	6	128	353
						1		-	_	2	230	670
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	1		2	2	54	52	5	3	48	72	3,623	7,10
New Jersey		1 1	2	-	19 16	32 6	5	3	27	48	1,922	3,874
Pennsylvania	1	_			19	14			3 18	20	340	458
EAST NORTH CENTRAL	3	6								1	1,361	2,775
Ohio	3	-	11 2	5	217 16	12 <u>4</u> 30	4 3	-	47	58	2,587	3,96
Indiana	_	_	3	_	92	34] _		18 2	13	633 346	705
Illinois	1	3	_	1	8	9	_	_	11	3	614	552 954
Michigan	2	2	6	4	99	48	-	_	9	16	695	1,133
Wisconsin		1	-	-	2	3	1	-	7	18	299	623
WEST NORTH CENTRAL	7	11	3	7	104	161	5	4	13	30	1,361	3,333
Minnesota	2	1	-	_ '	26	53	= 3	_	9	13	441	1,195
Iowa	2	3	-	-	17	6	-	-	1	5	347	904
Missouri	-	-	1	1	12	13	1	-	1	1	89	327
South Dakota	1	ī	47	-	5	1	-]	-	1	6	118	281
Nebraska		6	45	6	8 30	44		.24	y 1	4	164	332
Kansas	2		2	_	6	3	4	4	- 1	1	92 110	81 213
SOUTH ATLANTIC	1	3	14	25	331	550	4		17	1		
Delaware		_	-	-	-	1	4		17	32	1,095	2,425
Maryland	-	_	_	_	2	13	_	_	3	10	86	337
District of Columbia		-	-	-	1	2	-	_	_	- 1	20	41
Virginia	1	-	1	-	30	34	-	V	10	n	441	990
West Virginia	-	-		1	7	17			1	-	60	233
South Carolina		_	4	1 4	59 77	74	3	1	-	2	113	312
Georgia	_	2	3	14	70	177	1	- 20	1	4	59 - 143	72
Florida	-	1	6	5	85	51	-		_	5	143	158 236
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	1	_	6	15	180	316	1	12	24			
Kentucky				-	11	44	ı	-	13	13	1,500 463	1,519 2 90
Tennessee	1	-	-	-	21	36		2	6	4	632	585
Alabama	-	-	4	15	95	197	-	-	4	3	193	286
Mississippi		- 3	2	-	53	39	-	-	1	1	212	358
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	1	2	4	6	270	244	6	5	21	28	1,239	1,666
Arkansas	-	1	1	-	21	9		-	3	1	133	210
LouisianaOklahoma	1	1 1	-	1	29 58	31	-	1	2	-	125	118
Texas	_	1	3	6	162	26 178	- 6	4	12	27	99 882	174
MOUNTAIN		,	,					1		1 1		1,164
Montana		_	1		23 4	3	2	1	20	35	1,331	1,862
Idaho	-		1	_	1	3	_ [1	2	15	348	372 235
Wyoming	-		-	-	7	_	_	- 1	10	6	187 102	124
Colorado	-		-	, - ,	3	.1	_	-	4	6	333	460
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California	3	1		7	31	24	3	10	50	31	1,851	1,842
Alaska		_			35		_	_	25	3	138	
Hawaii	-		4 2 -	_	-	_			۵.	3	43	328 39
Puerto Rico	_	_	2	_	68	62	_	-	2	1	214	65

¹Data exclude reports for New Mexico.

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AREA CONT. UNITED STATES ¹	45th 1956		otal ²		Paral		Nonner	alwata	MALA	HIA	MEAS	LES
		17001-	Total ²					Paralytic Nonparalytic			MEASLES	
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CONT. UNITED STATES1	1330	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
	262	464	14,340	27,433	142	208	78	142	6	8	1,729	1,460
NEW ENGLAND	2	63	2 41 21	5,306 189	-	21 1	2	22	-	1	77 10	66
Maine New Hampshire		1	3	21.9				_		_	-	12
Vermont	_	2	21	117	-	2	- [-	-	-	4	58
Massachusetts	-	43	105	3,767	-	17	-	17	-1		16	4
Rhode Island	2	12 5	9 82	390 624	-	1 -	2	1 4	_ [1	2 45	1 3
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	17	53	1,143	4,037	3	14	8	13	_	_	285	195
New York	12	40	747	2,669	3	1.3	7	10	-	-	160	128
New Jersey	3	5	206	653		1	1	3	-	-	75	26
Pennsylvania	2	8	190	715	-	-	- 1		-		50	41
RAST NORTH CENTRAL	60	96	3,936	6,557	27	34	19	31	1	-	275	231
Ohio	9	26	590	1,235	4	1	-	5	1	- // -	18	35
Indiana	20	5	376	401	9	2	9 2	1 3		-	42 63	21 74
Illinois	10 12	15 10	1,806 644	1,345 1,160	6	5	6	5			48	73
Wisconsin	9	40	520	2,416	4	19	2	17	-	-	104	28
WEST NORTH CENTRAL	16	29	1,639	2,044	8	16	2	9	-	-	95	91
Minnesota	1	6	197	573	1	3		3	-	1-	40	19
Iowa	5 2	5 11	617 401	535 252	3	2 7	1	2 3	- [26 13	13
Missouri	2		36	60	1	<u>'</u>	1	_	91	_	15	16
South Dakota	_	-	35	75	= =		_		-	-	1	3
Nebraska	4	2	169	278	2	2	-	-		-	-	1
Kansas	2	5	184	271	- 1	2	-	1			-	41
SOUTH ATLANTIC	23	27	1,400 27	2,284	10	14	11	10	-	1	125 14	152
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Virginia	5	-	221	308	3	-	2	-	- [20	19
West Virginia	2	1	106	174	1	1	1		-	-	40	54
North Carolina	9	15	309 102	430 300	4	6 2	5	9	- 5		20	13
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Florida	4	2	339	446	n d 🗐		2	-	-	1	, re -	2
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	38	22	672	986	29	7	4	6	1	-	251	26
Kentucky	9	18	178	411	6	5	3	5		-	60	14
Tennessee	21	4	141	236	20	2	1	1	-		139	נו
Alabama	4	-	83	167			-	-	1		50	1
Mississippi	4	-	270	172	3	-			-		2	
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	43	27	2,225	2,636	31	13	11	6	1	2	173	87
Arkansas	5 8	5	189 599	179 361	6	4	1 2	1	-		45 3	2
LouisianaOklahona	ı	4	200	282				-	1	2	5	1
Texas	29	18	1,237	1,814	21	9	8	5.	-	2	120	65
MOUNTAIN	16	18	683	910	9	7	2	4	-	1	185	338
Montana	2	2 8	102	144 241	2	1 2		4		- 1	32 5	179
Idaho	1	1	32	34	-	-	1	-	5. 12	ú	94	31
Colorado	5	3	146	213	4	2	1	21	-	1	3	73
New Mexico		(3)		(124)		(3)		(-)		(-)		(1
Arizona	3	2	121	124	3	2	-	-		102	12 37	20
Utah	5	1	206 34	76 78	= =	100		_	1		2	12
PACTFIC	47	129	2,401	2,673	25	82	19	41	3	3	263	274
Washington	4	22	184	463	2	15	-	4	-	-	98	50
Oregon	5	20	158	378	2	14	2	3	1 5	-	63	20
California	38	87	2,059	1,832	21	53	17	34	3	3	102	196
Alaska	-	2	12	59	-	2	-	7	1.0	- 5	119 144	20
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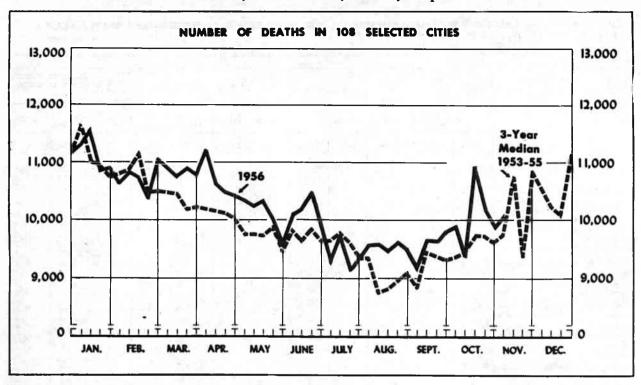
¹Data exclude reports for New Mexico. ²Includes cases not specified by type, category number 080.3.

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AREA	05	7	340	096.2		45th week			ative 5 weeks	101	PAYA BLEE	
	1956	1955	1956	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1956	1955
CONT. UNITED STATES1	56	60	36	9	2	21	26	1,600	1,481	12.0	81	65
NEW ENGLAND	2	2	3		-	-	1	51	35			
Maine	1.2-	-	1	1		-	-	15	6		1	
New Hampshire	-	1	-	- 1		A.F	-		-	_	-	
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New Jersey		_	_			ī	i	31	26	_	2	
Pennsylvania	1	1 -1	7	- 1		_	-	108	95		3	1
EAST NORTH CENTRAL	9	13	5	2	1	2	5	214				
Ohio	3						1	56	152 68		16 13	
Indiana	1	5	2	_		1	3	30	22	· **	13	
Illinois	2	2	2	1	1	ī	1 11-	36	32	_		
Michigan	3	4	1	-	-1	-	1	50	23	_	2	
Wisconsin		2	-	1	-	-	-	42	7		-	2
WEST NORTH CENTRAL	5	5	1	2	1	2	4	185	89	-	18	4
Minnesota	-	2	-	2	1	-	III.	37	7		7	
Iowa	1	-	- 1		-	1	3	57	25	To -	4	4
Missouri	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	56	46	1 6 -	4	
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Kansas	1	2	ī	33.	- [15	2	-	2	
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North Carolina	4	2	-	1	-	1		26	30	70 G -	-	100
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Kentucky	2	6	10		-	2	-	51	102		7	4
Tennessee	3	1	1	-	-	3	3	81	74		2	1
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Louisiana	2	1			4.87	2	2	69	77		1	2
Oklahoma	2	ī			1.34	1	4	44	77	-	5	-
Texas	5	6	1		5 6	4	3	146	49 171		-	6
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¹Data exclude reports for New Mexico.



The chart shows the number of deaths reported for 108 major cities of the United States by week for the current year, and, for comparison, the median of the number of deaths reported for the corresponding weeks of the 3 previous calendar years. (The median is the central one of the three values arranged in order of magnitude.) If a report is not received from a city in time to be included in the total for the current week, an estimate is made to maintain comparability for graphic presentation.

The figures reported represent the number of death certificates received in the vital statistics offices during the week indicated for deaths occurring in that city. Figures compiled in this way, by week of receipt, usually approximate closely the number of deaths occurring during the week. However, differences are to be expected because of variations in the

interval between death and receipt of the certificate.

While week-to-week changes in the total number of deaths reported for all major cities generally represent a change in mortality conditions, this may not be true for variations in weekly figures for each city. For example, in a city with a weekly average of 50 deaths, the number of deaths occurring in a week may be expected to vary by chance alone from 36 to 64 (d \pm 2 \sqrt{d} , where d represents the average number of deaths per week).

The number of deaths in cities of the same size may also differ because of variations in the age, race, and sex composition of their populations, and because some cities are hospital centers serving the surrounding areas. Changes from year to year in the number of deaths may be due in part to population increases or decreases.

Table 3. DEATHS IN SELECTED CITIES BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION

(By place of occurrence, and week of filing certificate. Exclusive of fetal deaths)

	45th 44th week ended ended		45th veek	Percent change, median	CUMULATIVE NUMBER FIRST 45 WEEKS		
AREA	Nov. 10, 1956	Nov. 3, 1956	median 1953-55	to current week	1956	1955	Percent change
TOTAL: 104 REPORTING CITIES	9,907	9,788	9,620	+3.0	451,753	443,439	+1.5
New England	656	672	651	8.0+	30,166	30,414	٠.٥.
Middle Atlantic(16 cities)	2,706	2,904	2,798	-3.3	130,132	129,814	+0.
East North Central(18 cities)	2,259	2,174	2,100	+7.6	100,506	99,053	+1.5
West North Central(7.cities)	685	651	632	+8.4	30,429	29,594	+2.8
South Atlantic(9 cities)	744	712	744	0	35,594	34,086	+4.4
East South Central(7 cities)	406	434	358	+13.4	19,179	18,847	+1.
West South Central(13 cities)	807	785	712	+13.3	37,599	35,087	+7.
Mountain(8 cities)	251	272	201	+24.9	11,013	10,557	+4
Pacific(12 cities)	1,393	1,184	1,214	+14.7	57,135	55,987	+2.

Table 4. DEATHS IN SELECTED CITIES FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 10, 1956

(By place of occurrence, and week of filing certificate. Exclusive of fetal deaths)

CITY	45th week ended Nov.	44th week ended Nov.	CUMULATIV FIRST 4		CITY	45th week ended Nov.	44th week ended Nov.	CUMULATIVE FIRST 45	
	10, 1956	3, 1956	1956	1955		10, 1956	3, 1956	1956	1955
NEW ENGLAND	100				WEST NORTH CENTRAL—Con.			7	
Boston, Mass	229	244	10,186	10,374	St. Louis, Mo	249	230	10,412	0.754
Bridgeport, Conn	25	32	1,637	1,637	St. Paul, Minn.	57	58	2,932	9,754 2,877
Cambridge, Mass	25	15	1,299	1,314	Wichita, Kans	20	32	1,822	1,727
Fall River, Mass	35	26	1,235	1,231	SOUTH ATLANTIC				
Hartford, Conn	50	47	2,131	1,997				- 371	
Lowell, MassLynn, Mass	29 21	14	1,059	1,138	Atlanta, Ga	102	111	4,833	4,648
New Bedford, Mass	20	26 15	932	982 1,070	Charlotte, N. C	218 21	193	10,305	9,996
New Haven, Conn	50	50	2,029	1,905	Jacksonville, Fla	(50)	24 (47)	1,361 (2,279)	1,225
Providence, R. I	55	64	2,754	2,823	Miami, Fla	53	63	2,274	2,34
Somerville, Mass	9	17	685	663	Norfolk, Va	45	20	1,451	1,410
Springfield, Mass	44	40	1,850	1,873	Richmond, Va	64	67	3,118	2,852
Waterbury, Conn	24	31	1,129	1,123	Savannah, Ga	(31)	(26)	(1,276)	(1,274
Worcester, Mass	40	51	2,224	2,284	Tampa, Fla	56	58	2,586	2,398
MINDLE AMIANDES					Washington, D. C	154	1.50	8,114	7,645
MIDDLE ATLANTIC					Wilmington, Del	31	26	1,552	1,57
Albany, N. Y	42	41	2,175	2,118	EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	_ =		1 all 1	
Allentown, PaBuffalo, N. Y	(40)	(38)	(1,658) 6,358	(1,610)	Birmingham, Ala	77	79	3,395	3,425
Camden, N. J	104 37	178 43	1,743	6,005 1,623	Chattanooga, Tenn		(40)		(1,94
Elizabeth, N. J	24	28	1,229	1,171	Knoxville, Tenn	21	35	1,480	1,504
Erie, Pa	23	24	1,451	1,546	Louisville, Ky	91	110	4,709	4,586
Jersey City, N. J		(52)	7===	(3,088)	Memphis, Tenn	92	102	4,383	4,38
Newark, N. J	96	89	4,321	4,455	Mobile, Ala	43	38	1,534	1,28
New York City, N. Y	1,452	1,543	69,297	69,708	Nashville, Tenn.	24 58	26 44	1,272	1 159
Paterson, N. J	44	50	1,674	1,645		- 50	44	2,406	2,495
Philadelphia, PaPittsburgh, Pa	427	423	21,232	21,251	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL				
Reading, Pa	184 (16)	(27)	8,138 (963)	7,896	Austin, Tex	29	21	1,223	1,144
Rochester, N. Y	81	82	4,231	(1,013) 4,161	Baton Rouge, La	13	25	982	934
Schenectady, N. Y	18	25	993	1 012	Corpus Christi, Tex	21	23	886	768
Scranton, Pa	(32)	(30)	(1,523)	(1,506)	Dallas, Tex	115	98	4,812	4,35
Syracuse, N. Y	57	71	2,626	2,446	Fort Worth, Tex	21 56	27	1,203	1,25
Trenton, N. J	55	33	1,963	2,127	Houston, Tex.	120	52 146	2,592 6,036	2,423 5,56
Utica, N. Y	32	30	1,370	1,373	Little Rock, Ark	47	52	2,076	1,97
Yonkers, N. Y	30	33	1,331	1,277	New Orleans, La	161	112	7,044	6,67
EAST NORTH CENTRAL					Oklahoma City, Okla	72	63	2,809	2,51
					San Antonio, Tex	78	92	3,901	3,77
Akron, Ohio	47	56	2,342	2,321	Shreveport, La	43	33	2,016	1,74
Canton, Ohio	31	32	1,259	1,212	Tulsa, Okla	31	41	2,019	1,97
Chicago, Ill	725	645	32,650	32,420	MOUNTAIN				
Cincinnati, Ohio	169	141	6,777	6,560	Albuquerque, N. Mex	21	28	1,034	1,01
Cleveland, Ohio	213	195	9,155	8,817	Colorado Springs, Colo	ü	9	583	57
Columbus, OhioDayton, Ohio	117	122	4,809	4,737	Denver, Colo	107	102	4,827	4,76
Detroit, Mich	80 308	69 321	2,940	2,879	Ogden, Utah	15	31	572	50
Evansville, Ind	25	28	14,152	14,408	Phoenix, Ariz	20	22	1,146	1,06
Flint, Mich	36	36	1,719	1,651	Pueblo, Colo	1.3	14	550	55
Fort Wayne, Ind	39	33	1,595	1,506	Salt Lake City, Utah	54	46	2,000	1,87
Gary, Ind	(22)	(27)	(1,269)	(1,219)	Tucson, Ariz	10	20	301	20
rand Rapids, Mich	39	41	1,831	1,849	PACIFIC				
Indianapolis, Ind	120	129	5,236	4,898	Berkeley, Calif	25	16	775	70
ilwaukee, Wis	112	111	5,557	5,554	Long Beach, Calif	25 52	16 59	735	78
Peoria, Ill	19	37	1,292	1,309	Los Angeles, Calif	499	441	2,356	20,40
South Bend, Ind	19	30	1,091	1,111	Oakland, Calif	87	85	4,052	3,85
Coledo, Ohio	111	92	4,206	4,118	Pasadena, Calif	42	27	1,562	1,62
Coungstown, Ohio	49	56	2,424	2,280	Portland, Oreg	116	78	4,222	4,16
WEST NORTH CENTRAL					Sacramento, Calif	56	51	2,152	2,18
				1 12	San Diego, Calif	93	59	3,315	3,28
Des Moines, Iowa	57	57	2,233	2,299	San Francisco, Calif	217	172	8,544	8,18
Ouluth, Minn		(29)		(1,134)	Seattle, Wash.	144	111	5,627	5,66
Kensas City, Kans	100	95	4 912	(1,535)	Spokane, Wash	26	43	2,048	2,02
Minneapolis, Minn	100 147	122	4,812 5,330	4,843 5,239	Tasomi, Habit	36	42	1,702	1,65
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Symbols. - parentheses () : data not included in table 3; 3 dashes --- : data not available.

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but some improvement could be made. No other outbreaks were reported in other camps served by this caterer. The source of contamination was not found nor was the agent identified. There was no evidence that the outbreak was waterborne.

Mr. Kenneth Mosser, North Dakota State Department of Health, has reported an outbreak of gastro-enteritis in a fraternity house. The number of cases was not given, but 12 individuals were ill enough to require hospitalization. An investigation revealed the cold sliced ham was the vehicle of infection. Hemolytic, coagulase-positive staphylococci were isolated from all samples of the ham tested.

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